

PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Correspondence Received

			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
14.		Favor	Diana Mendoza	Please see attached PDF.
			Dorothy Wong	
			Genevieve M Clavreul	
		Oppose	Brian Kehoe	My family and I are new to a neighborhood that has peafowl. My kids love them and have fed them on occasion when one wanders onto our porch. Should I be fined for that? We have spoken to our kids and told them the wild animals need to take care of themselves. Fining seems like an overreach. Why not simply request that people don't feed them, put up a few signs. One positive thing I've noticed about having them in the area, when they roam the streets the cars that race up and down the block at 40+ MPH tend to slow down. My suggestion is to enforce the speeding and educate about the feeding.
			Henry Fung	I certainly understand the desire to control peafowl but not sure another ordinance to criminalize people is needed, especially when existing regulations already prohibit the feeding of wildlife. And we know that such an ordinance would not be consistently enforced, and imprisoning people or even threatening to imprisoning people who happen to feed cute wildlife is not the answer to our jail population or to maintaining police-citizen trust. We need to seriously consider the reduction of new laws that seek to codify common sense and instead resort to non-law enforcement mechanisms of educating people. I oppose this ordinance.
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June 7, 2021

To: The Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Kuehl, Hahn, and Barger:

Greetings from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). We're writing today to express our support for Supervisor Kathryn Barger's motion (21-2329) to ban the feeding of peafowl in Los Angeles County.

While these beautiful birds bring joy to neighborhoods, they are still wild animals and should be respected as such. Feeding them (or any wildlife) increases their comfort with humans as well as their territorial nature over the supplemental food sources and often leads to conflict with humans that result in negative actions against the animals. It is a human-created problem that sets animals up to lose. The proposed motion to ban feeding will go a long way toward establishing peaceful cohabitation between birds and humans, as seen in cities like Arcadia.

While we're in full support of this ban on feeding peafowl, we respectfully ask that you consider taking it a step further to protect these majestic birds and include penalties against individuals who try to harm them. These peacocks and peahens are simply existing as is their nature and right to do, and they don't deserve to be shot, poisoned, intentionally hit by cars, or harmed in any other way. We hope you will ask the Department of Animal Care and Control and the County Counsel to include this additional element in the proposed draft ordinance.

Thank you for your compassion and concern for these birds who call Southern California home. If PETA can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All the best,

Lisa Lange Senior Vice President PETA PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

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